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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 14, 2006 OFFICE ACTION  
AND PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in response to the June 14, 2006 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 14, 2006 Office Action was due July 14, 2006. Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time. The fee for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) is one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a one-month extension of time, a response to the June 14, 2006 Office Action is due August 14, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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